Preliminary Amendment Continuation Application of U.S.S.N. 09/888,833

57. (New) A method for storing a bearing using a bearing mold to facilitate use of an appropriate-sized bearing comprising:

placing the bearing in the bearing mold, wherein the bearing mold comprises an inner hub and a contoured outer wall that allow only the appropriate-sized bearing to properly fit in the bearing mold;

verifying that the appropriate-sized bearing is placed in the bearing mold by determining whether the bearing properly fits in the bearing mold; and

removing the bearing from the bearing mold, wherein a step feature in the bearing mold facilitates removing the bearing.

REMARKS

Applicant has added new Claims 26-57. The independent claims are Claims 26, 31, 35, 38, 40, 47, 52, and 57.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the above-styled continuation patent application, as amended, is in condition for examination and requests such action. If any issues remain that may be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 404.572.3509.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Neufeld Reg. No. 48,394

King & Spalding LLP 191 Peachtree Street, N.E., 45th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1763 404.572.4600 K&S Docket: 16600.105009 (CON)

3407526